

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks

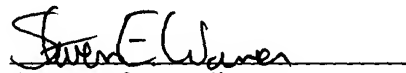
To place the application in better form, the specification has been amended to note its continuation status and to correct minor informalities. Also, a new abstract is presented in accordance with preferred practice. No new matter has been added by these changes.

Claims 11-13 are presented for consideration in lieu of claims 1-10, which have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11-13 are independent. Support for these claims can be found in the original application, as filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that claims 11-13 patentably define features of the projection exposure apparatus and the exposure apparatus of the present invention. Applicant submits, therefore, that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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